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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In the application of:

Richard A. HUDSON et al.

Serial No.: 09/900,336

Filing Date: July 5, 2001

For: METHODS FOR PROTECTION  
OF STRATIFIED SQUAMOUS  
EPITHELIUM AGAINST INJURY  
BY NOXIOUS SUBSTANCES AND  
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT and  
AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated March 13, 2002 (Paper No. 6) for which a response is due on June 13, 2002. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

Applicants have given careful consideration to the issues raised in the outstanding Office Action, and present the following Amendments and Remarks in response. Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments enclosed.

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